and closed for public on account of development of cracks in it;

(b) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken for its proper upkeep and maintenance,

(c) the details of expenditure incurred in this regard during each of the last three years, and

(d) the time by which its repair work is likely to be completed and opened for public

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) The Qutab Minar is in a sound state of preservation The entry into the mmar is closed on account of security considerations

(b) Besides day to day maintenance, conservation works are carried out as per actual needs

(c) The expenditure incurred on the maintenance and conservation of this monu ment during the last three years is as under

| *Year* | *Expenditure* |
|---|---|
| 1988-89 | Rs 9,19,012 00 |
| 1989-90 | Rs 13,61,263,00 |
| 1990-91 | Rs 7,74,137 00 |

(d) Conservation of Qutab Minar is a continuous process There is no proposal to re-open the Qutab Minar to the public for the present

**Operation of Narrow Gauge System**

5436 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether his attention has been invited to the news-item captioned "Indian Railways' ways of serving people better" appearing in the 'Economic Times' New Delhi dated March 7, 1992,

(b) if so, the facts in this regard,

(c) whether the operation of narrow-gauge system is at present a financial deadweight,

(d) the total track mileage of narrow-gauge system in the country and its per annum revenue earning potential, and

(e) how is it proposed to utilise this system profitably in view of the present day financial crunch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) It is true that the Narrow gauge lines are generally running in loss

(d) Narrow Gauge system on Indian Railways constituted 4068 Route Kilometres as on 31 3 91, and its earnings during 1990-91 was about Rs. 21 crores

(e) By minimising the working expenses and progressive closure of financially non-viable narrow gauge lines wherever feasible

**Training to Physicians for AIDS Control**

5437 SHRI R SURENDER REDDY Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFAE be pleased to state

(a) whether the Indian Medical Association (IMA) have prepared a pilot project for imparting special training to the general physicians in regard to AIDS control;